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SUBJECT: POLISH SECURITY SITUATION IN US

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1. POLISH DCM WIEJACZ CAME BACK IN TODAY FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM WARSAW ON SETTING UP SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS TO PROTECT "THREATENED" POLISH OFFICIALS IN US. HE SAID POLISH SIDE IS READY TO IMPLEMENT THE SCHEME OUTLINED TO HIM ON TUESDAY (STATE 57666) BUT SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING "UNDERSTANDINGS":

--- A. THE SPECIAL PROTECTION BEING IMPLEMENTED IN NO WAY RELIEVES THE USG OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION TO ASSURE THE SECURITY AND SAFETY OF ALL POLISH OFFICIALS IN THE US,  
 --- B. THE PROTECTION WILL BE OF LIMITED DURATION AND WILL BE TERMINATED WHEN THE USG BELIEVES IT IS NO LONGER NEEDED.  
 --- C. NO SY AGENTS WILL RIDE IN POLISH-OWNED AUTOMOBILES WITH OFFICIALS BEING COVERED.  
 --- D. NO ADVANCE NOTICE OF MOVEMENTS WILL BE GIVEN.  
 --- E. ANY "POLICY" OR IMPORTANT DECISION AFFECTING THIS PROTECTIVE COVER WILL BE MADE BETWEEN THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (WIEJACZ) AND THE DEPARTMENT (EUR AND SY) AND NOT BY THE AGENTS ON THE SPOT. THE SAME GOES FOR ANY DISPUTES BETWEEN AGENTS AND PROTECTED POLISH OFFICIALS.  
 --- F. BEFORE THE PROGRAM IS IMPLEMENTED, SY AGENTS IN CHARGE WILL MEET PRIVATELY WITH THE POLISH CONSULS GENERAL IN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT BETWEEN THE PROTECTIVE AGENTS AND THEIR CHARGES.

--- G. THIS FIRST MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED ONLY AFTER WARSAW IS NOTIFIED OF OUR RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (BROWN AND HICKEY (SY)) SAID THEY SAW NO PROBLEMS WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE EXCEPT FOR THE ITEM CONCERNING ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS. WIEJACZ WAS TOLD THAT WITHOUT SOME PRIOR NOTICE THE SY AGENTS CANNOT PROVIDE THE LEVEL OF PROTECTION WE THINK NECESSARY. MEAN-

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WHILE OUR AGENTS ARE IN PLACE AND READY TO IMPLEMENT THE  
PROTECTIVE SERVICE ON SHORT NOTICE.

3. THE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO THE POLES, FYI - SY TELLS US  
THEY ARE SURE THIS SET OF "UNDERSTANDINGS" REFLECTS THE  
EXPERIENCE THUS FAR WITH THE PROTECTION BEING GIVEN TO  
EXPOSED SOVIET KGB AGENTS IN NEW YORK, THIS PROGRAM GOT  
OFF TO A SHAKY START ON MONDAY WHEN THE USSR OFFICIALS  
BALKED AT THE CLOSE COVER THEY WERE GIVEN AND TRIED  
UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PLAY CAT AND MOUSE WITH THE SY AGENTS.  
THE TRUTH IS, OF COURSE, THAT THE CLOSE COVERAGE SY IS  
PROVIDING IS PLAYING HAVOC WITH THE NORMAL ACTIVITIES OF  
THESE SOVIET OFFICIALS, AND THE POLES ARE FULLY AWARE THAT  
THEIR PEOPLE'S STYLE WILL BE SIMILARLY CRAMPED. OUR FIRST  
TASK, THEREFORE, IS TO CONVINCE THEM THAT ONCE WE AGREE ON  
THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK, OUR SIDE WILL MAKE THE RULES  
GOVERNING THE PROTECTION WE ARE PROVIDING. END FYI

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